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Welcome to MegaFan. This free sample is provided to give you an idea of what's to come in America's first ever pint-size video game strategy guide/arcade magazine.

We've always wished we had more time and space in GF to go more in-depth on so many of today's awesome titles, but at the same time, didn't want to spin off just another garden variety game magazine. The end result, after much R&D (arguing) you hold in your hands: MegaFan, a small, Japanese-style handbook packed with detailed maps, strategies, and codes, along with the first ever enthusiast coin-op coverage. Each month we'll provide you with detailed strategies and killer art on all your favorite RPGs, fighters, platformers, you name it. If it's good...and deep, you'll see it here.

And with so many arcade titles being ported over to next-gen consoles, MF will help keep you ahead of the game with move guides and up-to-the-minute info from the world of coin-op.

To help insure we cover what you want, take a minute and fill out the questionnaire on the last page of this sample. You'll get a free issue and help us ready our Premiere Issue by doing so. Please keep in mind that this is only a sample. Issue 1 will have many graphic improvements, quality paper, and of course be much, much thicker.

We now return you to your regularly scheduled issue of GameFan.

-Dave Halverson





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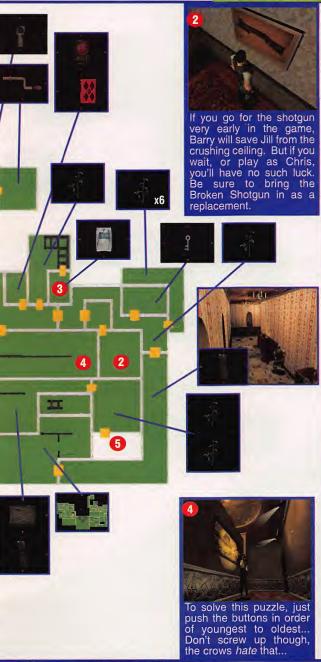
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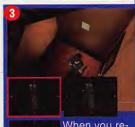
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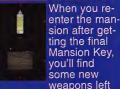


#### ADVENTURE • PLAYSTATION



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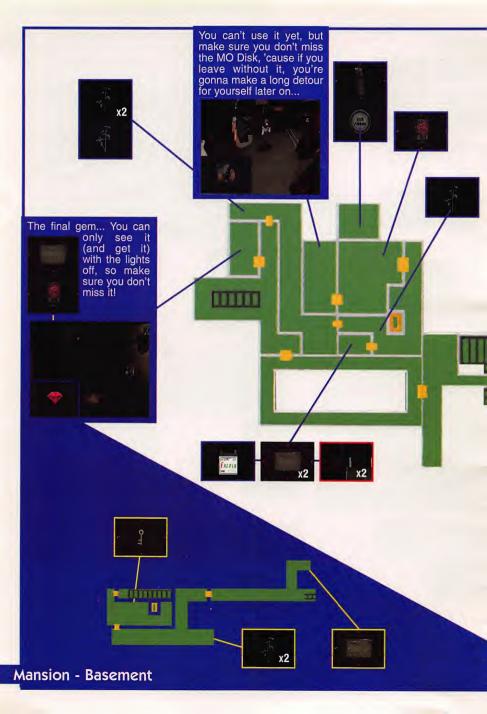


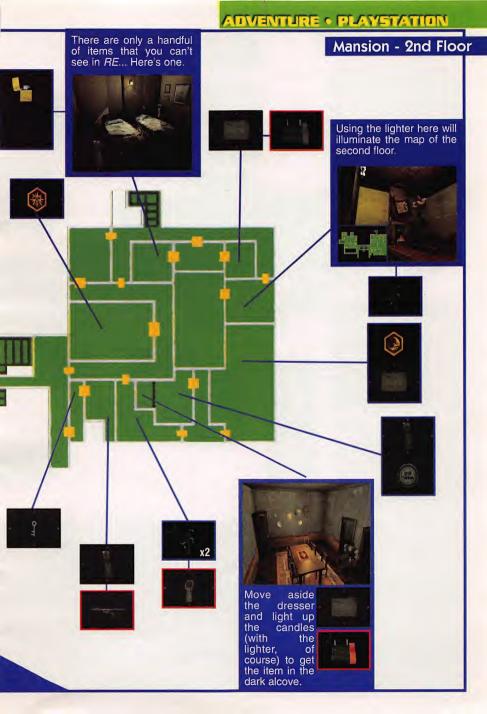
in this safe room... and a note from one of your partners.

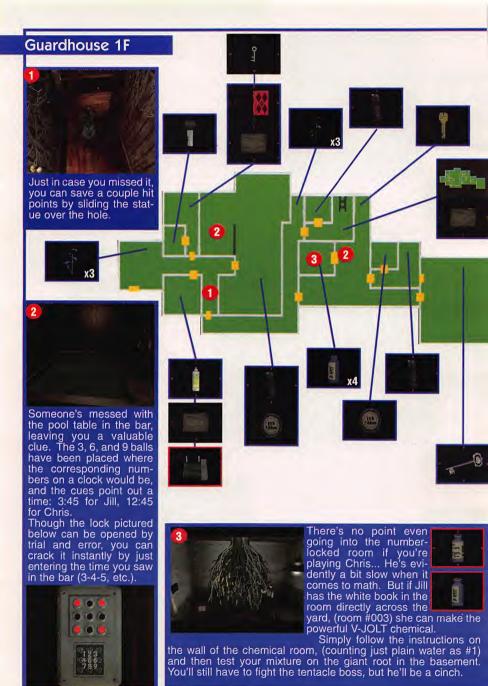


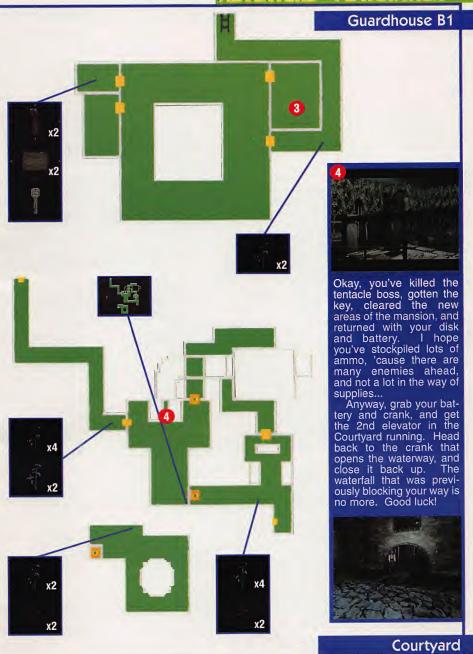
So, what's going on in that tiny closet you can never unlock? You can't actually get into the closet in a normal game, but if you beat the game within a good enough time (6 or 7 hours, it seems) it'll start you over with this special key in your possession. Now, you can enter the closet and get an amusing little surprise—nothing too exciting, but it's kind of cute.















When you confront King Koopa at the beginning, things don't look so good for Princess Toadstool.



Not to worry. Simply attack the chain that is holding Bowser's chandelier.



Welcome to MEGAFAN's Super Mario

RPG strategy guide. In the pages to come, you will be introduced to the wonderful world of Mario and his friends. This walk-through will help you through the

Soon you will find out what new evil arises in the land of Super Mario RPG!



After working your way through to Toad, you will find him being held hostage by the Hammer Brothers.



These two are pretty tough, so level-up and use the Jumping technique to defeat them.



After defeating the Hammer Brothers, you will obtain your first weapon!



A pathway will open up, leading you into Mushroom town, where you will meet the King.



After talking to the King, go downstairs and collect the items in the treasure chests.



When you exit the castle, you will see the next member of your party in a bit of a mess...

#### ROLE PLAYING • SNES



Mallow will join, and together, you must chase after Crocko. (Make sure to talk to the man in the building pictured above.)



Keep following Crocko and level-up your party members. When you finally catch up to him, you will be forced to do battle with him.



Mario's Fireball attack and Mallow's Lightning attack should be the most effective against him.



Upon getting the Coin and Wallet back from Crocko, return to the village. You will find that it has been taken over.



Save all of the townspeople and then head to the castle. Make sure to buy the accessory in the item shop for Mario to boost his Jump attack.



Use Mallow to keep restoring Mario's Flower power, and have Mario use his Jump attack constantly.



Head towards the throne room. There you will fight your next enemy.



Use Mallow's Lightning attack and Mario's Jump attack on the main boss.



After defeating this boss, you will gain your first Star Piece.



Go to the next location on the map.
In the dungeon, find the switch
that will drain the water.



When you reach this boss, make sure to be prepared. Buy items before going down into the dungeon. Use the same technique as the first boss to defeat him.



After defeating the boss, you will find yourself in a bit of a situation...



Make sure to see this specific person to learn a little something about Mallow's past.



After turning on the stairs for the man in the village, he will give some vital information about the forest.

Hmmm...I wonder what's in here.



Follow Geno into the forest and soon enough, you will find out what person (or thing) is behind everything.



Mario and Mallow will join with Geno, and together you must defeat this menace to save the village.



This boss will turn off certain buttons so you won't be able to use certain attacks or items, so take your time and plan your attacks.



After this exhausting battle, the next Star Piece will be waiting! Geno will also have something else to say about the Star Pieces.



In the world of Super Mario RPG, there are many secrets and mini-games. This small sample guide will help you obtain special items, and give you the advantage in completing your quest.



#### INSTANT COIN TRICKS

Mario can earn infinite amounts of coins in the game. With these techniques, it shouldn't be a problem to buy the weapons or armor you need to complete your quest.



Find this enemy in the forest, early in the game. Jump on his head 10 times and earn a Frog Coin!



In the Country Road area, jump on this enemy's head 3 times to earn an instant Frog Coin!

#### ROLE PLAYING • SNES

#### THE WATERFALL AND BARREL RIDE



In the area where Mario falls from the Waterfall to the Barrel ride, a total of 100 coins can be obtained if you follow this simple map!

#### BARREL COIN PATTERN



(This pattern repeats itself 4 times.)

#### WATERFALL PATTERN

- 1 VIEW THE UNDERPASS
  2 GAIN 1 FLOWER
  - **3** COINS GET STOLEN
- 4 GAIN 1 FROG COIN
- **5** JUST VIEW THE UNDERPASS



#### SPECIAL ITEMS SHOP



In the town,
with the
sequence in
the mine, go
to the item
shop. The
man in the
picture to the
left will have

The Lucky
Jewel will
raise the
chance for you
to play the
double-up
game.



some very useful items to sell to you!

The Princess's most powerful



weapon...
a frying
pan?!
You
guessed
it!

Use this item 10 times in battle. But make sure that

the Princess has a certain accessory equipped. Next use the NEW ITEM in battle 48 times. Hmmm... I wonder what will happen if I use the item again??



#### THE KEY IN MONSTER TOWN



In Monster Town, there is a key on the ledge that you cannot get to. Simply keep talking to Thwimp until he knocks the key off the ledge.



Remember the room where this monster will not let you pass? Just give him the key you just got, and he will let you pass! Doesn't this guy ever go away?





#### JUMP 100 TIMES!!



If you can make Mario Super Jump 30 times perfectly, this monster in Monster Town will give you a "Jumper Scarf."

Make Mario jump 100 times, and the same monster will award you with a "Super Jumper." These items will prove to be the most useful in helping you defeat the last boss, so practice your timing!

#### THE PLANTER



There is an old man in Rose Town that can help you obtain the coins and power-ups that you cannot reach in Mallow's Cloud City. Simply find the Seed and Fertilizer and give them to him.



#### THE GUESSING GAME



In the tower where the Princess was held, there will be a clown, after you defeat Bookie. Play with him and try to beat him.



He will give you different types of mushrooms at first, but beat him 12 times to get a special item!





Up to this point (Gudo Cave), Shining Wisdom is fairly self-explanatory. This maze is one you'll return to many times during the game. Midway through your first visit, you'll need to break for the Mystic Woods and obtain the Magic Hands. Return, defeat the guardian and receive the Whisper Conch which allows you to converse with Ogden's vegetation. You're very near rescuing the princess at this point. Later, after obtaining the Jump Boots and Flight Helmet return again and finish Gudo off.



Equip the thunder boots, break through here and make your way north...



Next, negotiate the crumbling path, break through, and obtain the elide.



Return from the Mystic Woods with the glove and cross here first.



Drop through here, activate the path and make your way south. The guardian awaits.



To nab this treasure, return after acquiring the flight helmet.



The jump shoes will land you here. This powerful crystal boosts your life by 2.













# **ACTION/ROLE PLAYING • SATURN** \$ .

MIDWAY THROUGH GUDO CAVE, YOU'LL NEED TO OBTAIN THE MAGIC HANDS, LOCATED IN THE MYSTIC WOODS. ENTER THE WOODS, MAKE YOUR WAY TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER AND ENTER THIS MAZE. THE HANDS ARE LOCATED JUST NW OF THE NOPTHURSET EY NORTHWEST EXIT.







USE THE MAGIC HANDS TO DEFEAT GUDO'S ROCK BOSS



#### **ACTION/ROLE PLAYING • SATURN**



















laze Orb + Shining Sword

Blaze Orb + Magic Hands Freeze Orb + Magic Hands Freeze Orb + Shining Sword









Freeze Orb + Slip Shoes

Blast Orb + Magic Hands Freeze Orb + Heavy Shoes Blaze Orb + Pegasus Helm















#### Special Moves Boot Kick

ン ↓ ∠ + Any Kick

WEB OF DEATH

ン ↓ ∠ + Fierce Punch

SKULL SPLITTER

∠ ↓ ン + Fierce Kick

CONQUEROR

→ ↓ ン + Any Punch

BACK STAB

→ ン ↓ ∠ ← + Quick Punch

SUPER MOVES

THE DESTROYER

VUCLVYY+FP

BOOT KICK SUPER LINKER

YVUC++ + Fierce Kick

WEB OF DEATH SUPER LINKER

CUVY+C+ + Fierce Punch

SHADOW MOVE

CVVY+Fierce Kick

←ビ↓⊿→← + Fierce Kick Flame Blade ←ビ↓⊿→← + Quick Kick

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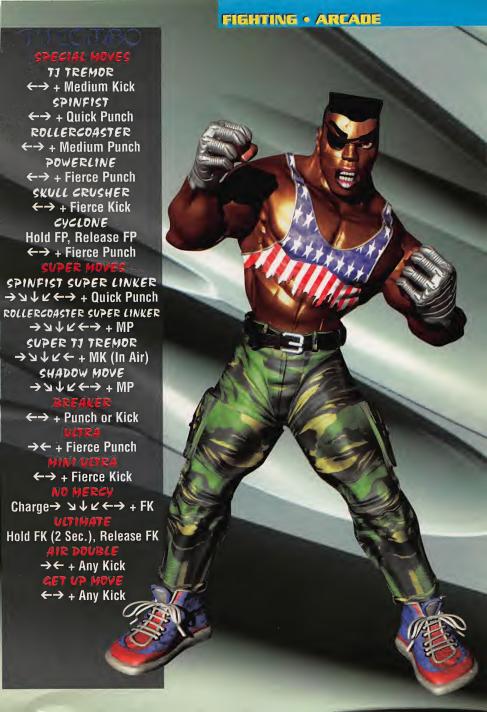
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→ ↓ ≥ + Any Punch









### GLACIOS.

special moves

COLD SHOULDER

↓ > → + Medium Punch

LIQUIDIZE

↓ >> + Any Kick

icy grip

↓ ↓→ + Quick Punch ARCTIC BLAST

↓ ∠ ← + Any Punch

ICE LANCE

↓ → + Fierce Punch

SUPER MOVES

SUPER ARCTIC BLAST

COLD SHOULDER SUPER LINKER

←V ↓ → ← + MP

← L J J → ← + Fierce Kick

SUPER THROW

←ビ↓≒→← + Quick Punch

BREAKER

**↓ □** → + Punch or Kick

↓ > + Quick Kick

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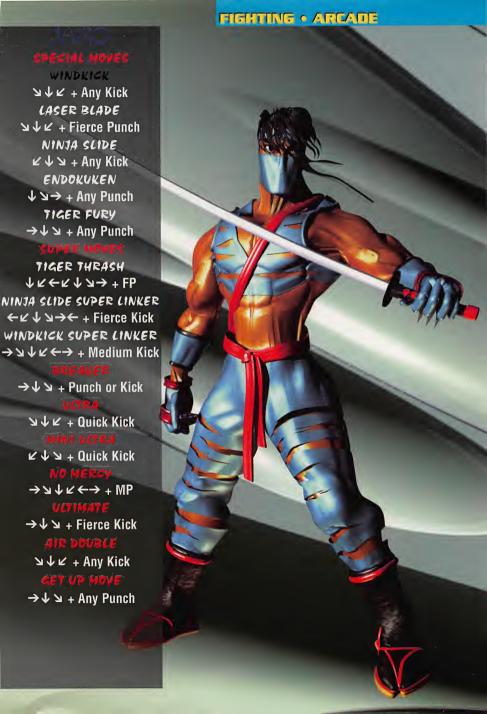
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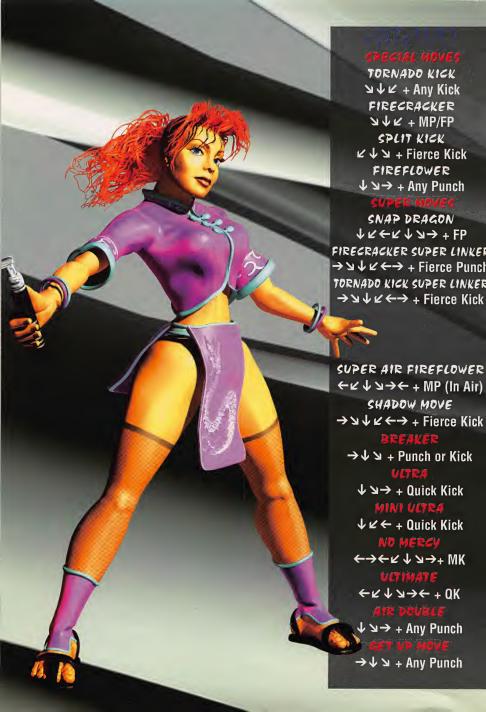
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CET UP MOVE

**↓ →** + Fierce Kick





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FLIP KICK

←→ + Medium Kick

SAVAGE BLADES

←→ + Medium Punch

MANTIS

←→ + Fierce Punch

JUNGLE LEAP

←→ + Fierce Kick

COBRA BITE

←→ + Quick Punch

#### SUPER MOVES

TREE CUTTER

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savage blade super linker

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SHADOW MOVE

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#### BREAKER

←→ + Punch or Kick

→← + Fierce Kick

MINI ULTRA

→← + Fierce Punch

NO MERCY

← k ↓ y → ← + QP

VCTIMATE → → ↓ V ← → + Quick Kick

AIR DOUBLE

→← + Any Kick

GET UP HOVE

←→ + Quick Punch





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